



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Monte J. Rhoads)
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Serial No.: 09/823,391)
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Filed: March 30, 2001)
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For: Riser Assembly and Method for)
Coupling Peripheral Cards to a)
Motherboard)
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Examiner: D. Levi)
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Group Art Unit: 2841)
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Attorney Docket No.: 42.P11044)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination
(RCE) filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following remarks are proposed in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003.

Claims 1-58 are currently pending in the application, and claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-26, 28-50, and 52-58 stand rejected. Claims 4, 15, 27, and 51 stand objected to. Applicant proposes herein to amend claims 1, 9, 21, 33, 36, and 46.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks set forth below.